

Maj. J. J. Beaman Awarded Army's Legion of Merit

Maj. Joseph J. Beaman, Ordnance Ammunition Center officer, who received the Bronze Star Medal in April for outstanding service in the Far East theater during 1950 and 1952, last week was awarded the Legion of Merit for these services. The Legion of Merit is the Army's fifth highest award.

The Legion of Merit was presented to Maj. Beaman by Brig. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, OAC commander.

The citation reads in part, "As chief of the ammunition division, Maj. Beaman assumed responsibility for the receipt, handling, storage and transportation from Japan to Korea of huge tonnage of ammunition and explosives. Through his superior technical knowledge, decisive judgment and resourcefulness, he solved the complex supply problem."

Maj. Beaman is now chief of the planning and scheduling branch of the OAC's Production Control Division and came to Joliet last February. He began his army career as a private in 1941